

# ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES



### NEWS RELEASE

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### Lower Cook Inlet Salmon Fishery News Release #16

**OUTER DISTRICT:** Waters of East Nuka Subdistrict south of the latitude of James Lagoon (59° 34.00' N. lat.) and outside of a line across the entrance to McCarty and Delight lagoons from

59° 32.76' N. lat., by 150° 20.20' W. long. to

59° 32.45' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long. to

59° 31.90' N. lat., by 150° 21.00' W. long.,

will open to commercial salmon seining for daily 14 hour fishing periods from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., from Thursday, July 26 through Saturday, July 28.

The Delight Lake weir has reported passing 4,178 fish since July 16 when 3,800 sockeye salmon were counted in the lake on an aerial survey for a combined total escapement of 7,978 fish. The current Sustainable Escapement Goal (SEG) range for Delight Lake based on weir counts is 7,500 to 17,650 with a midpoint of 12,575 fish.

Furthermore, the department anticipates opening portions of the Outer District to common property harvest beginning on Monday, July 30. These open portions will likely be in the Port Dick area and will be based on observations made from aerial surveys during the upcoming week of chum and pink salmon escapement.

**KAMISHAK and EASTERN districts:** Aerial surveys of these districts will be conducted as soon as weather conditions are conducive to aerial surveys. In addition, video media will also be collected from the Chenik counting station when conditions improve.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that all lawfully taken finfish that are retained but not sold ("homepacks") must be reported on a fish ticket at the time of landing. Fish tickets have a not sold/home pack block to report these fish. Halibut are not legal to retain from commercial salmon seines or gillnets because these are not legal gear for halibut.

**5 AAC 39.010. Retention of fish taken in a commercial fishery** (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing may retain finfish from lawfully taken commercial catch for that person's own use, including for the use as bait in a commercial fishery. Finfish retained under this section may not be sold or bartered. (b) Except as otherwise specified in 5 AAC [01](#) - 5 AAC [39](#), a commercial fisherman shall report on an ADF&G fish ticket, at the time of delivery of the commercial catch, the number of steelhead retained from the commercial catch but not sold. For the purposes of this subsection, "delivery" means the offloading of the finfish for sale or for transport to a buyer for later sale.

**5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements** (C)(10) the number of fish of any species retained by a commercial fisherman for personal use as specified in 5 AAC [39.010](#);

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

**The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Wednesday, July 25.**

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.